

January 30, 2009

Re: DW 08-052, Pittsfield Aqueduct Company  
Petition for an Increase in Rates  
Motion to Stay

To the Parties:

On January 15, 2009, Pittsfield Aqueduct Company, Inc. (Pittsfield) filed a motion seeking a temporary stay in the above referenced proceeding. In its motion, Pittsfield states that it has presented to the parties a proposal to modify its request for permanent rates for its North Country systems. Pittsfield is seeking a temporary stay of the proceeding until March 13, 2009 in order to file a petition to transfer the North Country systems and franchise to Pennichuck East Utility, Inc and revise its permanent rate request accordingly. Temporary rates, as approved by Commission Order 24,929 (December 31, 2008) would remain in effect for both the Pittsfield and North Country Systems until permanent rates are approved by the Commission.

On January 9, 2009, Pittsfield presented its proposal to all parties except Birch Hill at a technical session and the parties were in general agreement with the proposal. On January 15, the Office of the Consumer Advocate filed a letter in which it noted that it did not oppose the motion but would not agree to a "specific revenue increase under the Company's proposal or otherwise." No other responses to Pittsfield's motion have been filed. Pittsfield has agreed to work with the parties to agree upon and submit a revised procedural schedule for effect following the temporary stay.

Based on the representations made in Pittsfield's motion and the lack of objection thereto, the Commission has determined that the temporary stay will promote the orderly and efficient conduct of the proceeding and has granted Pittsfield's motion for a temporary stay.

Sincerely,

Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director